Mardi Gras To Be Held February 26th

Once again the carnival spirit will prevail in our dignified college halls. Mardi Gras is in the air. This year carnival night will occur February twenty-sixth. The Mardi Gras dance will be held on the traditional Shrove Tuesday.

Many Mardi Gras

This school has seen many Mardi Gras festivities in the forty-four years of its existence. If you would like to hear about the glorious Mardi Gras of the past, get Dean Steiner reminiscing. Miss Roach, Miss Hanna, Mr. Pierce, and Mr. Knutzen may be able to throw light on that dark subject also.

Present indications are that the '38 Mardi Gras of the Iris will bid fair to outstrip all previous carnivals held here.

Good Fishing!

Fancy Mr. Smith's dignified room turned into a fish pond for the occasion. Rumor has it that Prof. Schmeeckle, Jenkins, and Allex will be denied a fishing license because of their previous fishing record. Have you heard the story about the man who went fishing with a thread for a line?

Corn Fed Babies

The College Theater will present "Corn Fed Babies". A shooting gallery and "hot dog" stand will lend color to the occasion.

All organizations are uniting to make C.S.T.C.'s Mardi Gras a success.

Dr. O. F. Nixon Speaks On Modern Penology

Dr. O. F. Nixon will speak to Blas tonight on the subject of modern penology. Dr. Nixon will illustrate his talk with pictures and materials obtained during his work elsewhere.

Bloc has invited George Quant, Harold Drege, Arlie Worth, Earl Seibert, Hans Christianson and Don Laszewski to be guests for the evening. Roland Cady and Bill Clements will entertain as hosts at their home on 133 Algoma Street.

Assembly Today!

There will be an assembly this morning at ten o'clock. Reverend Roy Olson will address the school.

Next Wednesday, February 28, at the same hour the Mississippi Singers will appear in a program of music.

Student Takes Wasserman Test

As part of nation wide war against syphilis, students at the Central State Teachers College, Stevens Point, Wis., are getting free Wasserman tests. Student John Piffner is getting test from Dr. Fred A. Maris, Health Director and Nurse Mary NeuBerger.

During the month of January there were 139 tests taken. The tests will be given throughout the year to those who desire to take them. We ask the students to call at the Health Department and sign up for the tests.

"Rossum's Universal Robots" Presented By College Theater

Wednesday evening the College Theater presented R. U. R. The play, on C. S. T. C.'s remodelled stage, was greeted by an expectant audience. Scene and lighting effects, Theater specialties, received not a little favorable comment.

Kapek's play portrays the story of the robots, the secret of their inventor, and its loss. The Theater signs the past weeks have attracted a good deal of attention, for Rossum's Universal Robots.

"First Night" Party

At the close of the production Theater entertained in its traditional "First Night" party. This year the scene of action was the stage. Refreshments were dispensed by Eleanor Ruchti, secretary of the organization. Director Runkel and Mrs. W. G. Jenkins, faculty advisor, gave after theater speeches. Members of the production staff pledged the health of the drama in cider.

WANTED!!

Alpha Kappa Rho, honorary music fraternity, will accept petitions for membership any time before Tuesday, March 22. Application blanks can be obtained from Mr. Michelsen. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are eligible.

Central State Host To St. Mary Debaters

Central State Teachers College was host to St. Mary's debate teams Tuesday. Recently three St. Thomas teams engaged the local squad in debate. The college of St. Thomas is located in St. Paul, while the College of St. Mary's is situated at Winona.

At present the C. S. T. C. debaters are putting finishing touches on their preparations for the Midwest Tournament to be held at St. Paul the second week of March. The '38 debaters are: Margaret and Kathryn Becker, Alice Bentz and Jean Bedeman, Ben Laschewich and Gordon Haferbecher, John Verrill and Joe Ophoven.

Assembly Today
In a recent article by Dr. Hutchinson, President of the U. of Chi-cago, in the Saturday Evening Post, the statement was made that one should not go to college if one were seeking only social polish or refinement. Taken as it stands, his assumption seems quite correct and it does not seem as though one could argue with it. But if we tear it apart it is difficult to accept his statement in full measure, without some modifications.

It is with very firm conviction that we believe that more than one-third of our college population is attending college merely because they wish to receive that thing that places them on a level with other persons with whom they will meet later in life; that thing being social refinement. Furthermore, we do not feel that their action can be considered definitely wrong. The idea that all college means about a college is that one goes and immediately puts him on a pedestal above his "uneducated" friends or acquaintances. His manners may not be better, his clothes no more expensive, his regard and consideration for his fellowmen no greater; but he has "been around," he has seen life from the eyes of undergraduates. He has worked, and played and lived within the walls of his institution until, believe it or not, a certain code of honor and generosity has been engraved in his character. His "code" does not expire upon his graduation, but it continues to be, in one way or another, his rule for life and living.

He is recognized by his contemporaries as being a man who may or may not be educated but is at least "finished." He usually has in common several tastes and avocations that other college men have. By this he is immediately placed upon an easy footing with any man who has had the same four years of experience that he has had. He knows something of the world, of art, of literature, of music and usually, of athletics. He can or should be able to talk about nearly anything with a fair degree of intelligence. He is, therefore, a man agreeable to the rest of the world, for he is a man who knows enough to be stimulating to other persons. He is sought after because he is easy to know, nice to talk with, acceptable because of experience, and because he is usually "charming." 

If this one thing be not enough to justify a college education, then we know not what is needed. There are many other reasons, each which might alone be acceptable as an excuse for going to college, but to my own way of thinking the first reason is reason enough and Dr. Hutchinson's original statement cannot be accepted without this modification: "One should not go to college to get socially refined unless he is one who can assume with credit the "polishing" done by the institution of his selection."

**Student Opinion**

Dear Editor:

The great Roman republic was built by the effort of energetic citizens of that one country. Those Romans were redhot politicians, and all of them were well versed in oral self expression. They did not hesitate to express their opinions when the opportunity presented itself, and the Roman Senate became the scene of many wordy compacts. These bloodthirsty Romans fought among themselves until some outside foe threatened them. Then, of necessity, they pulled together, and their persistence in the face of danger finally brought the world's greatest powers to their feet. 

When Rome had conquered the world, her greed, selfishness and constant bickering within undermined her power, and she yielded, not to civilized men but to barbarians, who would work together.

But how does all this concern John Smith and Mabel Jones of C. S. T. C.? Isn't it possible for us to learn a lesson from Rome's costly experience? We have a right to expect the Seepee that the Roman citizens never knew, for we have no fears of being knifed. "The worst we can anticipate is being called a donkey, et cetera, you say blithely. But are you sure that no dire consequence will come of this constant bickering among ourselves? When the Roman republic became corrupt and at odds, a dictator was the only solution to the difficulty. We cannot settle peacefully and satisfactorily our own student affairs, the powers that be will set them straight for us, and we shall no longer be symbolic of a democracy. Recently there was an alteration concerning assessment of Irish dues. It was settled temporarily, but we are not through with the matter, for if we continue to have the very fine yearbook that we had in the past, we must raise the necessary funds. Let's cooperate! Let's help all in every way to pay dues promptly, to contribute to the success of the Mardi Gras by whole hearted cooperation. I know we can and I'm sure we will, if we try.

William H. Clements

**Faculty Members Speak At Rotary**

Mr. C. F. Watson, Mr. E. T. Smith and Mr. G. C. Allee spoke at the Rotary Club Monday noon. They met for the purpose of determining the program of the Rotarians for the coming year.

Mr. Smith spoke on the affairs in France, Mr. Allee discussed America's Foreign Policy, and Mr. Watson gave a talk on Sino-Japanese relations.

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(Cap. New High School)
Central Staters Meet Milwaukee Friday

Pointers Defeat Platteville

Kotalmen Trip
Pioneers, 60-46

Central State outlasted a fighting Platteville five last Friday to come out on the long end of a 60 to 46 score, the largest total made in the 155 game history this year. Going out the contention that it is a second half team, the Pointers rolled up 35 points in the last twenty minutes of play.

Coach Kotal started four freshmen, Frank Schneider, Art Bandow, Bob Okl, and La Vern Van Dyke, and one sophomore, Duncan Seffern, against the Pioneers and they held up their end very creditably for men inexperienced in collegiate competition. Midway in the first quarter Kotal sent in his other reserves who also held up their end of the burden. When the first half was eight minutes old, Don Johnston, Fred Nimz, Chet Rinka, Henry Warner and Jim McGuire, the first stringers went into the game and changed the whole aspect of it.

Rhemstedt of Platteville was high scorer for the evening with seventeen points, Henry Warner topping the Pointer scoring with fourteen points, an unexpected high for Hank.

Warner and Chet Rinka played a good game for the Kotalmen with Rhemstedt and Perkins starring for the Pioneers.

STEVENS POINT—60 FG PT PP
Van Dyke, f 1 0 3
Bishop, f 1 0 3
Warner, f 0 0 1
Jaka, s 2 0 0
Rinka, f 3 2 1
Seffern, c 0 1 1
Belengia, c 1 4 0
Nimz, c 0 4 0
Okl, g 0 0 1
Bohan, g 0 0 1
Johnston, g 2 5 0
Bandow, g 2 1 3
McGuire, g 0 1 0

21 18 15

Platteville—46 FG PT PP
Brostrom, f 1 1 4
Huttenberg, f 1 1 4
Olsen, f . . 1 0 1
Johannes, f 2 0 1
Simpson, f 1 1 3
Hein, f 1 2 0
Rhemstedt, c 1 0 1
Schwartz, g 1 0 0
Perkins, g 1 5 3
Schehn, g 0 0 0
Goff, g 0 0 1

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SHORrS IN SPORTS

Hank Warner surprised the folks by rolling up fourteen points against his customary ten... He also played his usual fine floor game and looks more and more like all-conference material...

John Felix entered the Wisconsin Rapids Golden Gloves tournament and fought his first bout last Tuesday. No decision has been made as yet about the disputed Platteville-Milwaukee game...

Art Bandow is going to be a big help to Coach Kotal if he continues to play as he did Friday. Brostrom, freshman flash for Platteville, was held to thirty points against the Pointers for his lowest total this season. When the Phi Sigs were in Sparta on their way to La Crosse, an elderly lady, evidently thinking that the boys were the college basketball team, came over to the bus, said she was of the Class of 1905, and wished them the best luck... the fraternity was travelling in the school bus...

SPORTS QUIZ

1. How much time is there between halves of a basketball game?
2. How many periods are there in a hockey game?
3. What is the score of a forfeited football game?
4. Who blocked punt that passes the line of scrimmage a free ball?
5. Who was the last heavy-weight champion to lose his title on a foul?
6. What country won the Davis Cup last year?
7. What is the penalty for a pitcher's balk?
8. What is the name of the playoff system used by the International Basketball League to decide the champions?
9. Who is the high commissioner of baseball?

(Answers on page 4)

KESCENOVITZ STARS

For Green Gulls

Milwaukee State Teachers quintet, travels here this week end for the final home game of the year. Milwaukee boasts of one of the strongest teams in the conference and this game will tell which team has a chance for the championship.

Milwaukee comes here with two wins and two defeats, having been defeated by Oshkosh and Whitewater and victors over Platteville and Whitewater.

Milwaukee's Gulls are lead by Krososka, high scoring guard, and Kescenovitz, guard, one of the main stays of the team.

The probable starting lineup:

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Nimz C Belot
McGuire G Kescenovitz
Johnston G Krososka

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Rushing Parties Get Underway

Rushing parties for the second semester are in full swing this week, closing next Sunday. Pledging, the unforgettable period, begins at the meetings on Tuesday. On Monday evening, the Chi Delta had their first rushing party at the Gingham Tea Room. Arrangements were made for thirty-five guests, besides several members of the faculty: N. E. Knutzen, R. M. Rightell, and George C. Allen. During the evening cards were played to the accompaniment of a phonograph and a radio.

The Phi Sigs entertained at the Hotel Whiting on Tuesday evening. There were about seventy present. Cards were played, short talks were given, and a luncheon was served. Attending the party were Mr. F. J. Schmeckle, Mr. H. M. Tolo, and Mr. E. T. Smith of the faculty and Mr. P. A. Hiday. Thursday evening Omega Mu Chi sorority held a novel “Night Club” party at the home of Margie Rogers, 419 Pine Street. The room was decorated in real night club fashion with small tables with bright cloths at the sides of the room. Games were played, a comic floor show was staged, and “pop” drinks were served. Dancing to phonograph music was enjoyed. A luncheon was served at the end of the evening.

The Tau Gam’s party is planned for tonight. It is to be a “Plantation” costume party, and promises to be “something different”. It will be held in the Recreation Room of the Presbyterian church.

Bite

Lots of parties this week and everyone a good one. Here’s a few that made the head lines. The Phi Sig Valentine Party—lots of fun. Let’s have more of them, Phi Sigs. College theater staged a good party (cider and popcorn) after their play Wednesday night. And, of course, the rushing parties—Everyone a “knock out” and “fun”. And we can’t forget the roller skating on Sunday night. The iris dance after the game Friday was quite a success. The number of all-school dances seems to be declining—too bad. We have heard nothing lately about our sports editor’s pictures. We’re all waiting. Why the delay, Red? Don’t forget to vote for King and Queen of the Mardi Gras dance. Did you notice Hank Warner starred in the game and he seemed to star with a certain gal after the game. Too, bad, she can’t be here all the time, Hank.

Nelson Hall Notes

Valentine Day was a popular one in the hall. Flowers, candy, telegrams and cards expressed the sentiments of the day. About this time of year those “steady” from home stand out.

That “down” look on the face of many Seniors doesn’t mean worry for the future but rather sitting up late making seatwork or less plans. Ask the primary girls.

Ramona Campbell underwent an appendectomy at the St. Michael’s Hospital last Thursday. She is making satisfactory recovery.

We understand Rita Murphy made preparation for the future when she “fetched” back her younger sister, Loretta. She knew the Dorm wouldn’t be the same without a Murphy.

Overheard at a Counselor’s gab-fest: “Marcie” Schultz — “I say, please prepare to fill out questionnaires before asking for a publicity. Who? Where? What?…” Rita Murphy—“I feel that a quiet figure speaks the loudest”. Grace Melchoir—“I’ll be on the lookout, but I’ll remember spring is coming”. “Theisen”—“Reading tests and reviewing out loud are taboo. Remember: Still stand the counselor on the stairs!”. Emily Peterson—“Knock! Knock! Get to bed, girls!”

W. A. A. Notes

Don’t forget to sign up for the desk tennis tournament. You can win points for your team Purple or Gold, whichever you are. Come out for practice anytime during the day and get ready for the tournament.

All girls who are interested in joining W. A. A. please see Lois Peden or Grace Melchor soon.

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